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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Confirmation No. 8424
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Mark J. COOPER <i>et al.</i>)	Group Art Unit: 1633
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Serial No. 10/ 656,192)	Examiner: Long, Scott
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Filed: September 08, 2003)	Docket No. 003659.00029
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For: Lyophilizable and Enhanced Compacted Nucleic Acids)	

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This paper responds to the non-final office action mailed August 28, 2006. A three-month extension of time fee accompanies this paper. No additional fee is believed due in connection with this response. However, should the Patent and Trademark Office determine that an additional fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

The pending claims are 1-123.

The examined claims are 1-19, 26, 28, 30-31, 34-42, 51-82, 103-104, 106-109, 114-117, and 122.

The withdrawn claims are 20-25, 27, 29, 32-33, 43-50, 83-102, 105, 110-113, 118-121, and 123. It is respectfully submitted that claim 102 should be part of the examined claim group; applicants erroneously omitted it in the list of claims which read on the elected species/invention. Nonetheless, it appears that the PTO may already have already examined it, thus implicitly including it in the elected claim group. Note that claim 102 is rejected over each of Wolff and Hanson. Applicants request that claim 102 be formally rejoined with the examined claims.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2. Please substitute the enclosed claim set for that already pending.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 16.